

Old Botanic Infirmary (Dr. Cyrus Thomson Block)
W. Genesee St.
Syracuse
Onondaga County
New York

HABS No. NY-5447

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New York	COUNTY Onondaga	TOWN OR VICINITY Syracuse
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Old Botanic Infirmary		HABS NO. NY-5447
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) West Genesee St.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1835	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built as the first hospital in what is now the city of Syracuse, this building derives its name from the use of botanical ingredients, such as gum of myrrh, Indian tobacco, undistilled whiskey, and cayenne pepper to treat illnesses		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangular		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Ten Ionic columns of Vermont stone on the street front		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) New York State Council on the Arts, <u>Architecture Worth Saving in Onondaga County</u> , Syracuse University School of Architecture, 1964		
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